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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0024]   The computer 110 may also include other removable/non-removable, volatile/non-volatile computer storage media. By way of example only, FIG. 1 illustrates a hard disk drive 141 that reads from or writes to non-removable, non-volatile magnetic media, a magnetic disk drive 151 that reads from or writes to a removable, non-volatile magnetic disk 152, and an optical disk drive 155 that reads from or writes to a removable, non-volatile optical disk 156, such as a CD-ROM or other optical media. Other removable/non-removable, volatile/non-volatile computer storage media that can be used in the exemplary operating environment include, but are not limited to, magnetic tape cassettes, flash memory cards, digital versatile disks, digital video tape, solid state RAM, solid state ROM, and the like. The hard disk drive 141 is typically connected to the system bus 121 through a non-removable memory interface such as interface 140, and magnetic disk drive 151 and optical disk drive 155 are typically connected to the system bus 121 by a removable memory interface, such as interface 150.

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Please replace previously amended paragraph [0028] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0028]   Computer environment 100, described above, can be deployed as part of a computer network. In general, the above description for computers applies to both server computers and client computers deployed in a network environment. Figure 2 illustrates an exemplary network environment, with a server in communication with client computers via a network, in which the present invention may be employed. As shown in Figure 2, a number of servers 10a, 10b, etc., are interconnected via a communications network 14 (which may be a LAN, WAN, intranet, the Internet, or other computer network) with a number of client computers 110a, 110b, 110c, or computing devices, such as, mobile phone 15, land-line telephone 16, and personal digital assistant 17. In a network environment in which the communications network 14 is the Internet, for example, the servers 10 can be Web servers with which the clients 110a, 110b, 110c communicate via any of a number of known protocols, such as, hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) or wireless application protocol (WAP). Each client computer 110a, 110b, or 110c can be equipped with browser 180a to gain access to the servers 10. Similarly, personal digital assistant 17 can be equipped with browser 180b and mobile phone 15 can be equipped with browser 180c to display and receive various data.

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Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0029]   In operation, a user (not shown) may interact with a computing application running on a client computing devices to generate repeatable synthetic data. The generated data may be stored on server computers and communicated to cooperating users through client computing devices over communications network 14. A user may generate, manage, and interact with such generated synthetic data by interfacing with computing applications on client computing devices. These operations may be communicated by client computing devices to server computers for processing and storage. Server computers may host computing applications for use in the generation of the repeatable synthetic data.

Please replace previously amended paragraph [0051] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0051]   Figure 3 shows exemplary data generation environment 300 supporting the generation of repeatable synthetic data. As shown exemplary database environment 300 comprises DB Server1 maintaining Data Store 1, DB Server2 maintaining Data Store 2, DB Server3 maintaining Data Store 3, communications network 14, Applications 320, and Administrator Client executing data generation application 310. In operation, data for use by Applications 320 is communicated among any of DB Servers 1, 2, or 3 across communications network 14 to Applications 320. It is appreciated that Applications 320 may operate on a various computing environments as indicated by the Applications residing computer server figure having a dashed outline.